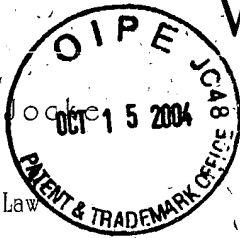


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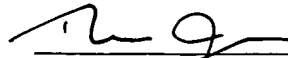
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Comments on the Statement of Reasons for Allowance

The statement of reasons for allowance in the Notice of Allowability indicates a general paraphrasing of language, and not necessarily the exact claim language. Furthermore, Applicants respectfully submit that while the specific features and relationships mentioned in the statement are not disclosed or suggested in the prior art, these are not the only recited features and relationships which are not found in the prior art. Also, it should be understood that the allowed subject matter is to only be limited by that subject matter which is specifically recited. The statement refers to subject matter (or language) which is not recited in all of the claims. For example, but not necessarily all-inclusive, not all of the independent claims (e.g., claims 22 and 35) require "a cash acceptor mechanism for receiving a *stack* of notes." Nor do all of the independent claims (e.g., claim 22) require that a "cash acceptor mechanism is movably mounted in supporting connection with a chest portion." Nor do all of the independent claims (e.g., claim 22) require that a cash acceptor mechanism "is movably relative to an opening in the chest portion while mounted." Thus, any remarks in the statement which narrow the recited subject matter should be disregarded.

Respectfully submitted,



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